tion, the production of fertilizers has also increased during the last three years.

(b) No target has been laid down to increase the indigenous production to the level of its requirements. Seventh Plan also recognises that there shall be a significant gap between demand and indigenous production of fertilizers and the aim is to augment the production in order to contain the gap to a reasonable level. With this end in view, a number of new projects have been taken up for implementation.

Import of Captive Power Plants by the National Fertilizers Limited

*275. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Fertilizer Limited has been allowed to import two '30 Megawatt' captive power Plants for its Panipat and Bhatinda units despite the fact that such plants can be manufactured by BHEL and procured indigenously; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor indicating the drawbacks that indigenous plants suffer from as compared to the imported ones?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S DHILLON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government permitted the import of plant and machinery required for seting up the captive power plants keeping in view the quicker delivery schedules and the lower prices of the foreign vendors. The imported equipment is also expected to have greater operational efficiency.

Agitation by fishermen against use of trawlers

*276 SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in 'The Times of India, dated the 15th October, 1986 to the effect that the National Fishermen's Forum representing trade unions of fishermen all over the country have planned a nation-wide agitation in March, 1987 to press for the rights of traditional fishermen *vis-a-vis* those using trawlers; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) Government of India have no official information about the nation-wide agitation by the National Fishermen's Forum. However, there was a report in 'The Times of India' dated 15th October, 1986 regarding launching of a nation-wide agitation by National Fishermen's Forum in March, 1987 to press for the rights of traditional fishermen vis-a-vis those using trawlers.

(b) Government of India had issued requisite guidelines and circulated a Model Bill in 1979 for demarcating various zones of fishing for traditional, mechanised and large boats. Based on the guidelines and Model Bill, State Governments of Kerala, Orissa, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu have enacted suitable legislation to protect the interests of fishermen especially those belonging to traditional sector. Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have passed Executive orders in this regard. The remaining States and Union Territories are considering enactment of suitable ligislation.

Paddy Procurement in Punjab and Haryana

*277. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of paddy has arrived in the mandis of Punjab and Haryana during the current season;

(b) whether it is also a fact that private traders have purchased a majority of the said paddy; and

(c) if so, the estimated quantity of paddy which arrived in the mandis of Punjab and Harayan and the share of procurement by the Food Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) (c) During the current marketing season, 80.28 lakh tonnes of paddy had arrived in the mandis of Punjab and Haryana till 17-11-86 as against 74.17 lakh tonnes uring the corresponding period last year. Out of the 80.28 lakh tonnes, traders have purchased 57.82 lakh tonnes and the Food Corporation of India 14.09 lakh tonnes.

Liquor consumption in tribal areas

*278. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have adopted a policy to reduce liquor consumption in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, what steps and advice have been/are being given to various State Governments in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received any representations against the use of Government agencies to promote liquor sales in the tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to ensure that the tribal development agencies are not directly or indirectly involved in promoting liquor sales to the tribals in Andhra Pra desh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines for Excise Policy to be followed in Tribal areas communicated to the State Governments contained the following namely: (i) Commercial vending of alcoholic beverages should be discontinued in the tribal areas; (ii) that Scheduled Tribes may be permitted to brew their traditional alcoholic beverages for consumption at home and on religious and social occasions and (iii) that attempts be made to wean the Scheduled Tribes away from the habit of drinking alcoholic beverages.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had reported that Integrated Tribal Development Authorities had not opened any liquor shops in tribal areas.

There is also no scheme to promote liquor sales in tribal areas through government agencies.

Evolution of new methods of irrigation

*279. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether new methods of irrigation to be adopted easily by the cultivators are being evolved; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. They include adoption of appropriate design specifications for different surface irrigation methods like borderstrips, water harvesting techniques in arid and semi-arid zones, optimum irrigation water application at initial crop growth stage and use of sprinkler and drip systems.

दालों की प्रति व्यक्ति उपलब्धता

280. श्री शरद यादव : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इस समय प्रतिदिन प्रति व्यक्ति कितनी मात्रा में खाद्यान्न उपलब्ध हैं तथा